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In re application of  
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Application No. 10/731,315  
Filed: December 8, 2003  
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
TRANSPORTING WATER WITH LINER

: **DECISION ON PETITION**  
: **TO MAKE SPECIAL**  
: **(ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY)**  
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This is a decision on the petition submitted on December 8, 2003, under 37 CFR 1.102 (c) to make the above-identified application special under the accelerated examination procedure set forth in MPEP 708.02, Section V: Environmental Quality.

The petition to make special based on environmental quality is **DISMISSED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 C. F. R. 1.102(c), MPEP 708.02, Section V for an invention which materially enhances the quality of the environment of mankind by contributing to the restoration or maintenance of the basic life-sustaining elements-air, water and soil, must be accompanied by affidavits or declaration under 37 CFR 1.102 by the applicant or his attorney explaining how the invention contributes to the maintenance or restoration of one of these life sustaining elements.


The petition states that the invention will substantially reduce the amount of water lost to evaporation and other causes of water loss. This reason is not acceptable because it does not explain how this invention materially enhances the quality of the environment of mankind by contributing to the restoration or maintenance of the basic life-sustaining natural elements, i.e. air, water and soil.

Any request for reconsideration must be filed within TWO MONTHS of the date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. Should petitioner desire reconsideration, he should supplement this petition by a declaration or statement giving the information as outlined above. Applicant should promptly submit a renewed petition to the

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231. The envelope should indicate that the correspondence be brought to the attention of Technology Center 3600.

Until the renewed petition is submitted, the application will be returned to the examiner's docket to await treatment on the merits in the normal order of examination.

**SUMMARY:** Petition To Make Special **DISMISSED**



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